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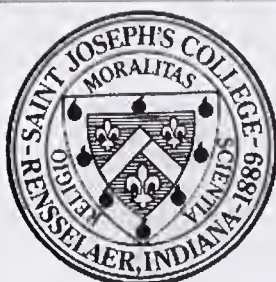
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Columbian Players present award-winning comedy *You Can't Take it With You*

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On October 20, 21 and 22, The Columbian Players performed *You Can't Take It With You*, a 1936 comedy about a dysfunctional, but happy family. The show touches on themes of happiness, taxes, familial bonds and self-empowerment. When Alice Sycamore and Tony Kirby become engaged, Alice worries that the eccentric Sycamore family and the respectable Kirby family of Kirby and Company will not be able to get along with one another. She plans a nice get-together for the families, but the plans go awry when the Kirby family comes to dinner a night early. The play ends with the message that "you can't take it with you," so why not be happy. Life is too short to fill with things you don't want to do. The play was written in 1936 by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, then won the Pulitzer Prize the next year for Drama.

The crowd warmly received the Columbian Players' performance. "I enjoyed the show and thought all the performers did a great job," said Professor of History, Dr. White. Backstage, the ac-

tors established a steady rapport, casually joking about the various lines, congratulating one another on strong performances and encouraging one another if they got nervous. Many kind words were shared in the lead-up to the show, with offers of thanks for a great run from those who were leaving after this show and heaps of praise for each other's talent.

During rehearsals, the actors developed their characters' many quirks. These quirks make up at least half of the humor in the play, and kept the audience engaged. Brother Tim Hemm, C.P.P.S. said, "The play showed a lot of energy and was a release from a busy, busy week."

Members of the audience were shocked to attention, if they had deviated for a moment, by the loud reports of the firecrackers that went off during the play. Fireworks were actually being lit off just offstage in a garbage can to create the maximum noise level possible without actually putting a microphone near the detonations. The actors are eternally grateful to their off-stage tech, ushers and Stage Manager for the work they put into it.



Photos courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S.

(Top) During the Kirby's visit, Mr. Kolenkov wrestles with Mr. Kirby while Tony tries to stop him and the Sycamores look on.

(Bottom) The Sycamores are in the midst of pursuing their hobbies when the Kirby family arrives for dinner on the wrong night.



Freshman Banquet marks the end of Seminar for New Pumas

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College is a new and exciting experience, but sometimes, there are students who are not able to get adjusted easily and just get lost in the shuffle. Saint Joseph's College, does not want their students to be lost in the shuffle

and not be able to succeed. As freshmen, they are put into a class called Freshman Seminar. This class helps them get into the swing of things and allows them to have someone to go to for help if they need it. At the end of this journey, there is a banquet to celebrate them and their place in

the college community.

On October 18, 2011, they held the freshman banquet. When the students walked into the ballroom, they saw a beautiful arrangement of tables covered in white table cloths. The room was glowing and filled with excitement as more and more students arrived. The students were to sit with their class and freshmen leaders. This gave them a chance to sit and talk about what had happened during their time together. Along the tables were pictures of the group during orientation and other random moments throughout the class. At the end of the night, the students were able to take the pictures home as a token of remembrance. Freshman Biology major Rachel King said, "The freshman banquet was very nice, and it was a great night to spend time with my friends. My table was so much fun; we talked almost the entire time."

Before dinner, there were two speeches. First the president of the school, F. Dennis Riegelnegg,

gave a speech. He talked about how excited he was to have this freshman class here on campus this year. He wants every member of the class of 2015 to continue their academic careers here and hopes that they continue to come back as alumni.

After he said a few words, the freshman class president Political Science major Calleigh Olson got up to give her speech. She talked about how the freshman class has grown together as a whole. The first day, the class was timid and shy. But she said that from orientation on, the class was able to find friends and begin to bond. By coming together, the class of 2015 would be able to do great things for Saint Joseph's College.

Once she finished, Professor Heidi Rahe, Dean of Freshmen, dismissed the tables to eat. While the students were eating, there was a slide show playing pictures of the classes. Freshman Athletic Training major Malcolm Exford said, "This was a perfect way to end the start of my college career."



Photo courtesy of Erin Hill

Dr. Bill Hartley's seminar group sits together during the freshman banquet.

Students create “Shack City”

Habitat for Humanity chapter raises awareness for homelessness

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On October 12, 2011 the campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity held their semi-annual Shack City event. Shack City brings awareness about homelessness. Students that participate in Shack City sleep in a cardboard box by the Whispering Wall. They do this so that they can see what it would be like to be a homeless person. “Statistics show that 3.5 million people in our country will be homeless at some point during the year and many people don’t know this fact,” senior Biology major Kara Feller said. The event was from 7 pm on Wednesday night to 7 am Thursday morning and the box was to be considered the participants home.

Junior Elementary Education major Shayla Wiseman participated in Shack City for the first time. “It was uncomfortable, there was no lighting to do homework, me and my friends

had to use the security light by the whispering wall. We could not sleep. There were weird noises that kept us up, my back started to hurt, and it rained that night so my box caved in,” Wiseman said about her experience.

Habitat for Humanity was founded by Millard Fuller and his wife Linda in 1976. “Habitat is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian ministry founded on the idea that all people deserve to have a safe and affordable place to live,” said Feller. The group builds energy-efficient and healthy housing. Habitat for Humanity tries to eliminate poverty by building simple shelters. The families that get help from Habitat for Humanity have to have an initial down payment, then they make monthly payments, and they also have to work on the shelter that is being built for them. The families also have to help build other Habitat for Humanity Shelters while their home is being built.



Photo courtesy of Jessica Ruschke

Students display the boxes that became their homes for the night. They stayed outside Halleck Center in the boxes from 7pm Wednesday night to 7am Thursday morning.

Campus celebrates Feast of St. Gaspar

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St. Joseph College is known for its connection to the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, or the C.P.P.S. Since the founding of the college, the C.P.P.S. priests and brothers worked hard to make the college a reality, and dedicated their mission to their group’s founder St. Gaspar del Buffalo. On October

21, campus honored the feast day of St. Gaspar with a Mass, inviting all members of the college community. This day

was not only meant to honor the founder of the C.P.P.S., but to acknowledge his legacy as a saint, embodied in the college’s mission.

St. Gaspar was born in Italy during the turbulent days of the Napoleonic wars. He dedicated his time as a priest to look after the poor and social outcasts. He helped to establish institutions in his home country to care for the homeless, and as the members of his community grew, their outreach to other nations increased. St. Joseph College, and the Indian Normal School, stand as testaments to the legacy of St. Gaspar and his mission to provide institutions of learning, and care in each community. Today, the C.P.P.S. has moved out across the

globe, reaching as far as Vietnam. The C.P.P.S.’s presence is strong on campus with the services of Campus Ministry, and the Kairos retreats.

The feast of St. Gaspar is a day in which Precious Blood members come out to honor their founder. Students, faculty, and staff also came out to worship God at the Mass. “I’m going to a school inspired by the values of St. Gaspar, so I should uphold those

values and show thanks for them by going to church on his feast day,” said junior History major James Bertucci. Many C.P.P.S.

members came to the mass including the society’s oldest member. St. Joseph’s very own Fr. Leonard Kostka, C.P.P.S. Other members present include Fr. Phillip Gilbert, Fr. Kevin Scalf, Fr. Jeffrey Kirch, and the mass celebrant, Fr. Tim McFarland.

Campus Ministry students James Bertucci, Matthew Hess, and Caleb Thomas devoted their free time preparing, and decorating the chapel for the feast day. “St. Gaspar was active in his community, and in many communities around Italy. So, I figured why not be helpful in mine,” said Bertucci. Fr. Jeffrey Kirch said, “It was very good to see a great turnout by students and faculty.”

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- Fr. Jeffrey Kirch,
C.P.P.S.



UPCOMING EVENTS



10/27 Trick or Treat with Jasper County Youth Center
10/28-10/30 Kairos 59
10/31 Trick or Treat for the Hungry
11/1 All Saints Day
11/2 Last Day for Course Withdrawals
11/11-13 Men’s Retreat

Families spend day on campus

Jessica Ruschke
News Editor

On October 22, families arrived for the Family Day event put on by the office of Alumni and Parent Relations. During their stay, families ate in the food court, watched the football game, saw the Columbian Players production of You Can’t Take It With You, and came to a dessert reception and open mic night following the play. Siblings were also invited to stay overnight in the dorm with the students.

Because of the wide variety of activities, all family members could find something that interested them. “My grandmother really enjoyed the football game. She was raving about it all day. She loves college football,” said freshman Biology major Dustin Helmer. For Helmer, the play was the best part of the evening. “First of all, it was a great play. I found it very funny. It’s also something I couldn’t normally just get up and do,” he said.

The Family Day event replaced the Little Sibs Weekend that has been held in previous years. Now the whole family had a way to take part, and overall,

the change appears to have been well-received. “My family really liked the fact that it was a family day. It made them feel more appreciated,” said Helmer.



Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S.

Senior Mass Communication major Jeremy Butterfield and his mother spent time catching up with each other at the football game on Family Day.

Worries About the Job Market

By **Randee Portteus**
Guest Writer

As a student at SJC I am taking sixteen credit hours and working three jobs. Just over half of my tuition is paid. I took out as much in loans as I could, and my parents took out the rest for me. I will be over \$60,000 dollars in debt when I graduate. As for my parents? They’re still paying off tuition bills for my brother (who dropped out in 2003) and my sister (who graduated in 2002). My sister is lawyer. She works for the State. And she still struggles to get by. If she, with a specialized degree with a specific purpose, is struggling, I worry about what I’m going to do with a major in Creative Writing.

Today, the unemployment rate in America is about 9.1%. Not too bad, right? Except, that’s fourteen million people. That’s fourteen million college graduates. That’s over fourteen million children who don’t know if they’ll have breakfast tomorrow. Nine percent doesn’t sound like a lot. But fourteen million does.

In addition, this 9.1 percent does not include the underemployed, those who have a job but need another, or those who have stopped looking, either because they have gone back to school or have simply given up. If these people were included, the unemployment rate would be nearly 16%.

I am not the only one that worries about getting a job out of

college. I know few Elementary Education majors who are far from confident that they’ll get a job straight out of college. Those that do will likely end up working in inner-city schools. What about business majors? They’ve got to be better off. Well, let’s hope they don’t want to start a small business. They are all but nonexistent today.

And then you have those of us with generalized majors, or no majors at all. Those who are trying to do what they love but have no idea what they are going to do with their degree. Those who are afraid they’re going to be stuck pushing papers for the rest of lives, if they can get a job at all. Being in college today is terrifying because it’s no longer a guarantee of a high-paying job. Graduate school is nearly a must now. This will only pile on more school loans, if you can get them, or get into graduate school at all. Historically, graduate school enrollment increases during a recession. So you can guess what has been happening at graduate schools in the last few years.

Employment rates for recent college graduates have fallen sharply since 2009. So have starting salaries, and for many, their degree is not even being put to use. Is a college education even worth the debt anymore? This question, which has been scoffed at for many years now, is being resurrected. The graduates I know from last year are in situations

that sometimes scare me to think about: graduate school for higher education, or waiting tables and struggling to get a desirable job. Graduating college is something I dread even as I look forward to it. Who will hire me? What makes me so special? What if the situation only gets worse by the time I graduate?

In all of this, one thing gives me hope. The “Occupy Wall Street” movement. It is going on right now, as we speak. It is a protest against big business, against the rich getting richer, getting bailed out, getting more and more as the middle class disappears. “We are the 99%” is the slogan of this movement, and it refers to the fact that more and more people are struggling, while the elite shrinks. “The 99%” are the people who can’t afford rent.

They are the people who don’t go to the doctor because they can’t get health care. They are the people who try and try and try to get jobs and just can’t.

The little guys are fighting back. There are more of us, the middle class, the struggling college grads, than there are of them. If we all realize this, if we all try to do something, then there is a chance for us to take Wall Street for ourselves. Not to be rich, but to be able to get by. To be able to get a job. To be able to do what we want, what we love.

Though the situation is bleak, it isn’t over yet. There is still hope. If you want to learn more about the occupy Wall Street protest, go to <http://wearethe99percent.tumblr.com/> Introduction.

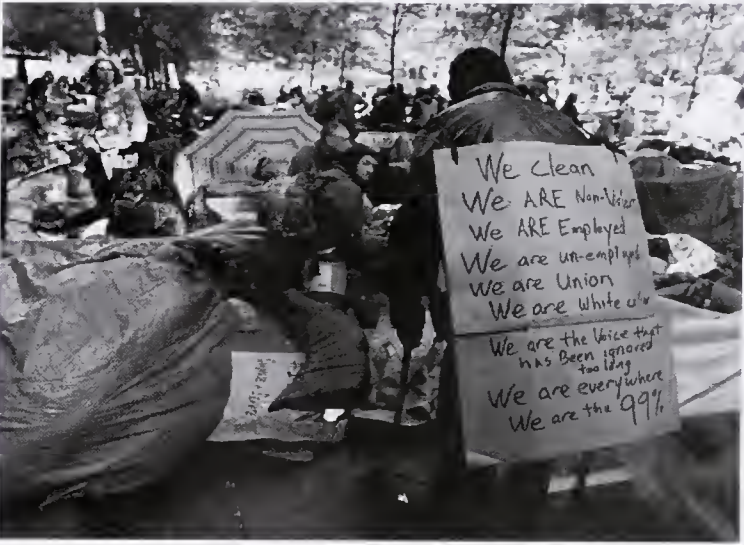


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A Reasonable Request

By **Adam Ruggles**
Guest Writer

Introductory Logic is a course typically offered during the second semester of a given school year. According to the academic catalog, the aim of this course is both theoretical and practical; it aims at developing the student’s ability to think clearly and rigorously and to understand the rules for such thinking. Moreover, Introductory Logic is dual-listed for Philosophy and Political Science majors and minors. In other words, a vast number of people, spanning dozens of majors, are not being exposed to this invaluable course. As a result, I argue that Introductory Logic should be taken by all students, regardless of their major. The skills learned during that sixteen week period are well worth the effort the course requires and the benefits will last forever.

A basic understanding of logic would benefit Saint Joseph’s College academics in a number of ways. Firstly, CORE discussions have become a breeding ground for logical fallacies. Simply defined, logical fallacies are errors in reasoning which severely, if not fatally, damage one’s argument. These fallacious arguments can take a variety of forms, all of which should be avoided at all costs. If students were taught how to avoid logical fallacies and construct valid arguments

supporting their positions, the overall level of CORE discussion would be enhanced. After all, if one’s response to a particular question is well thought out, well constructed, and logical, those hearing his or her response will be challenged to rebut with an equally appropriate, and hopefully impressive, argument. Engaging in such a dialogue will certainly increase the level of discussion instead of people just casting logic to the wind and saying the first thing that comes into their head. Moreover, if the level of discussion increases, the overall quality of learning will also rise.

Secondly, thinking and arguing logically makes what a person has to say much more persuasive and compelling. When one creates an invalid argument (i.e. an argument in which its premises do not necessitate its conclusion), it is much harder to convince another that the arguer has a valid point worth accepting. In most cases, even if someone is not familiar with logic, he or she will realize that something is wrong with some arguments, even if he or she cannot necessarily identify the particular error in reasoning. Being persuasive and compelling are traits that allow one to communicate effectively and convincingly, which are valuable skills to have in any profession. For example, business owners need to persuade and convince a potential client that their business is exactly what the client are looking

for. Not to mention, excellent communication skills greatly increase the chances of having a successful job interview, which hopefully evolves into a job offer.

Lastly and if nothing else, it just feels good to win an argument. When one who has a basic understanding of logic argues with another who lacks that same understanding, it almost feels like cheating. By taking a course in logic, one is already at an advantage before the argument even begins as he or she brings with him or herself a keen eye for the ever so dreadful fallacies.

Before one accuses me of showing favoritism to a course within my major, I would like to indicate that all disciplines require one to think and think critically.

Moreover, it is hard to conceive of a more practical tool than thinking clearly and a course in logic supplies that tool. Logic serves as a way of unlocking the full potential of the mind through clear, critical, systematic, and objective thought. As a result, I encourage you to take Introductory Logic, even if it is not listed within your major. If you commit the time and energy necessary to become a more logical thinker, the skills learned will benefit you in whatever career path you have chosen to pursue.

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Craving A Tasty Book?

By **Randee Porteus**
Staff Writer

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins tells the story of a future in which America no longer exists. Instead, the land of the free and the home of the brave has been divided into twelve districts, all centered around “the Capitol,” where the tyrannical government is located. As a reminder of exactly who has control here, the Capitol hosts and televises The Hunger Games – a tournament in which two children, called “tributes,” from each district are selected by lot to fight to the death. The survivor is declared the winner, and they are showered with fame and riches. Katniss Everdeen becomes one of the tributes.

There are a lot of reasons that The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins is one of my favorite books. It packed full of non-stop, can’t-put-it-down action and fights. I mean, the book is about a bunch of teenagers trying to kill each other. There’s going to be violence. Not only are there fistfights, badass bow and arrow usage, and survival of the fittest stealth, but the environment in which they are fighting each other fights against the tributes as well. Fire, storms, killer bugs, and sickness are just a few of the things that Katniss has to worry about while trying desperately to stay alive. You’re never sure if

she’ll survive to the next page.

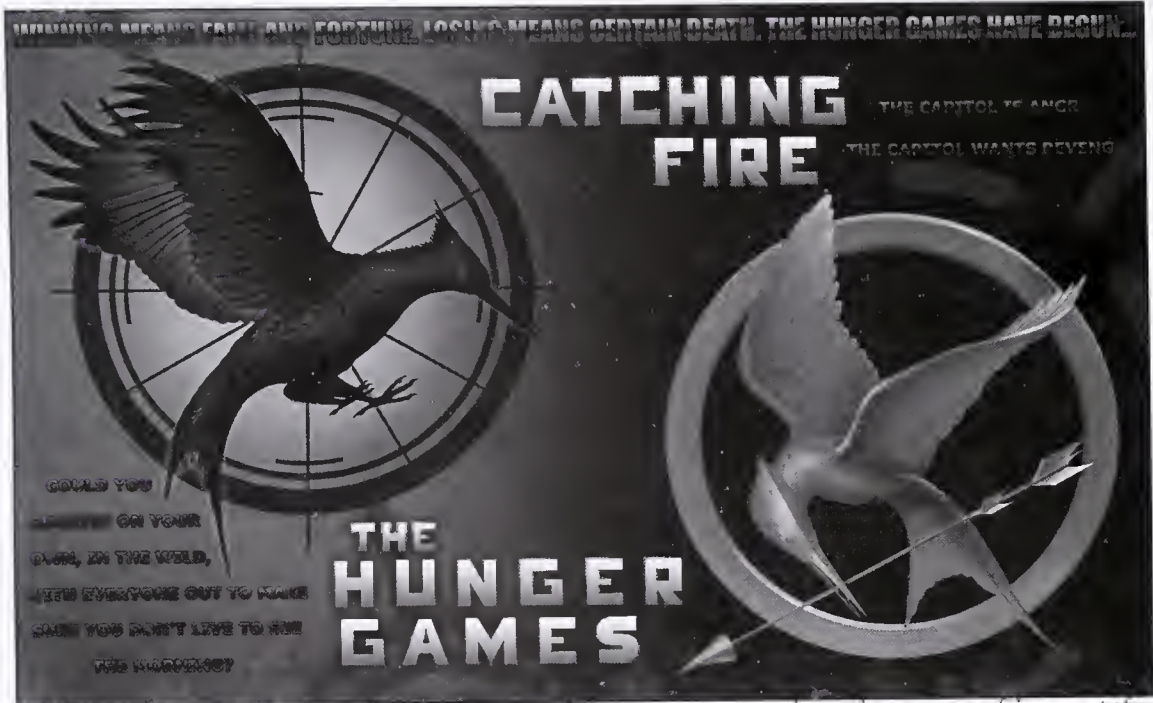
But besides this rather crass appeal to the book, dark themes run throughout the plot. The GOVERNMENT is the one making all of this happen. In what twisted world does this come about? Apparently one that’s not far off. The Hunger

to take it a step further, some districts even train their children to become tributes. What’s worse is that, in other districts, some children put their name into the Hunger Games drawing more than once in exchange for food for their families. In other words, some districts really treat this as

makes it worth reading? Katniss. Tired of whiny, ninny-girls who can’t do anything? Or worse, girls that can but fall in love and manage to screw everything up that way? Well. Problem solved. Katniss is neither of these things. She is more than capable, as both her family’s main provider

refusing the help of her fellow tribute, Peeta, who professes his love for her early on in the book. She may be viewed as cold and heartless by most, but the world she lives in has forced her to be this way. If she wasn’t, she’d have been dead before the book even began. Long story short, Katniss is a badass.

If you’re still not convinced, here are a few more interesting facts about The Hunger Games: It was one of the top ten most banned books of 2010 because of violence and it being unsuitable for it’s age group (so if you’re worried about looking dumb, it’s ok! It’s not suitable for younger readers. But it is for you!). As I said, it’s absolutely impossible to put down. I read it overnight. So if you’re looking for an excuse to not read for core, pick up The Hunger Games. Then when your mom calls and asks you what you’re doing, you can honestly tell her, “Reading! Duh.” And finally, The Hunger Games is currently being made into a movie to be released on March 23, 2012. It’s starring Jennifer Lawrence (Mystique from X-Men: Origins), Josh Hutcherson (he’s been in a bunch of random movies), and Liam Hemsworth (the hottie from The Last Song). So go read it! It’s more than worth your time.



A violent, jarring speed-rap of a novel that generates nearly constant suspense and may also generate a fair amount of controversy. I couldn't stop reading. - Stephen King

Games shows us how easily power can be abused. Not only does this government feel the need to assert their power over the districts annually, but they do it by using CHILDREN. And

a game, while other see it for the bloodbath it is. But how can you rebel against a government that is so shamelessly cruel to it’s own population already?

Another part of the book that

(her father is dead, her mother’s income is low, and her younger sister is ... well, her younger sister) and as a tribute in the games, she fights on her own for most of the Hunger Games,

Lost in Dead Space: Why I Now Need Diapers

By **Corey Dowds**
Features Editor

Have you ever been so scared that you yelled at your roommates because of your own insecurities? Yeah, me neither, but sometimes I sure as heck feel like it. Let’s all admit it: It’s fun to be scared. When we are watching that horror movie, clutching to another’s arm like a 3rd grade school girl, it’s only natural to scream like a banshee when a perpetrator with knife in hand jumps out of the refrigerator, and it’s fun being that involved. While the whole horror movie genre is suffering (when was the last time you saw a great horror movie?) It’s healthy to explore other mediums for a scare. Video games are arguably the most immersive medium out there today, and there is a variety of great games that will have your hair and skirt flying straight up in no time. Series like Resident Evil and F.E.A.R. are just a couple of impressive series that can give you a good scare. One new series has not necessarily redefined but perfected what it means to be a survival horror-shooter game. The series I am referring to is *Dead Space*.

The first *Dead Space* takes place on a mining ship called the Ishimura. While mining, the crew discovers an artifact referred to as “the marker.” Then communications go out on the shit. With the mysterious and

eerie tone set, that is when we enter Isaac and his company, who are sent to restore and repair communications. Isaac, the protagonist of both *Dead Space 1* and *2*, is uniquely portrayed in the first game. With a third person angle, the game does not allow the player to see Isaac’s face or hear Isaac’s voice, as he does not speak in the game. That illusion is broken in the sequel, however.

The entirety of the first game takes place on the ship. When the crew arrives, the horrifying reality quickly sets in. The first scene in the game involved half the crew getting maimed and mauled mercilessly by the flesh craving monsters, and you as Isaac running away like Michael Vick from PETA. So now you are all alone with limitless hordes of flesh craving monsters, not waiting for your mother’s permission to rip you limb from limb.

Dead Space 2 is more or less same game, except it takes place in a city. So instead of just your regular space traveling monsters, you can have monsters in the form of your local mailman, or baker. However, the second game’s tone is a bit different, as Isaac is more confident in his monster-slaying ability. He goes from running away from these flash cravers to kicking their teeth and twisting there mutated nipples until the monsters cry uncle.

The meat and potatoes of

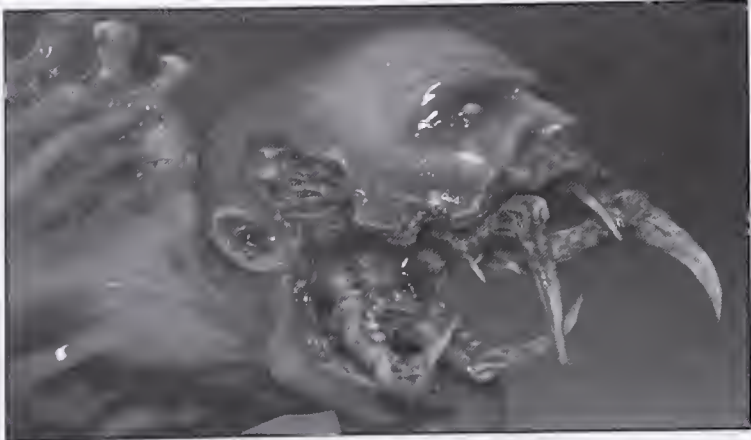
the game is pretty much this: first the music, setting the mood, and then going berserk as a monster pops out of wall or a jack-in-the-box screaming “YOU WERE ADOPTED,” making the experience as horrifying and traumatic as possible. It is kind of addicting to kill the monsters in a gratuitous violence- but not morbid kind of way. You must dismember them, or shoot each of their limbs off until they stop moving. So as opposed to your Call of Duty format where you go for headshots, you shoot at arms and legs. The melee system is simple, as you can only stomp and punch, but the shooting should be your primary method of destruction. Other parts of the game including jumping and flying around in zero gravity, some silly mini games, including “Zero gravity ball,” and if you

didn’t already guess, traumatic plot twists to make the story and environment as a whole more horrifying.

If you aren’t sold on the game being scary enough- paint this picture in your mind. You are armed with limited guns and ammo as you approach a nursery type area. You are surrounding with nursery music- creepy beeps and boops- and the lighting of airplanes and horses casting shadows on the wall. As you approach an empty cradle, with things written on the walls like “save me” and “they will find you” you are attacked by exploding babies! I wish this were a joke everyone but it’s not. Babies are the ultimate symbol for fear- as they will keep you up in all hour of the night, and you have to attend to them even though you have done it the last

three times consecutively. Plus, people make horrifyingly crude jokes about them, and to top it all of , these babies’ heads are upside down, and they explode! So if that isn’t scary, don’t tell me what is because I don’t have enough liquid in my body to cry that much.

Overall, *Dead Space* is a series that everyone can try. For the brave and the scared, it is an immersive experience. Plunge yourself into the depths of space and fight once human, now mutated monsters that will stop at nothing to get you to pee your pants. “I won’t play it” says Matt Phillips, commenting on how scary the game is. Matt’s dad is a cop, so you know that he isn’t scared of anything. “I have been diagnosed with dead-space-phobia. I won’t ever finish the game, and you can’t make me Corey, so get away from me.” Most people can finish the game though, trust me. As Aristotle once said “C’mon dude don’t be scared.” I give *Dead Space 1* a 9/10 and *Dead Space 2* a 8/10. If anyone wants to borrow either game for the Playstation 3, just let me know. Also let me know when you soil yourself playing it, so I can lower your self-esteem. Happy monster hunting!



True Story: I screamed too hard while playing Dead Space, so this is what happened to my face. Picture resembles monster from the game, ironically enough. (Google Images)

Step Aside Crunch and Morgan, Captain America is Here!

By Alan Austin
Staff Writer

Well here it is. The first Avenger movie will come to DVD and it's a very classy film at that. With World War II starting, Steve Rogers wants nothing more than to go and fight for his country. Being too small and full of ailments, he is constantly rejected to enlist in the army. A scientist helps him achieve his wish by having him take part in a scientific test to make him stronger, which transforms him from the simple weakling to a superhuman. As a

super soldier, he is put up against a red skulled Nazi whom he fights and of course conquers.

As a kid, I never liked Captain America. The story of a superhero running around throwing his shield just never appealed to me. I mean, why not have a gun, a blade, a hammer, or anything other than a shield to fight with? The thought of fighting with a shield over any other weapon is simply absurd.

This movie changed my entire thoughts of this first avenger. The great trait in this movie is the

main character's want to do only the right thing. I personally feel that this is a trait lacking in many superhero movies today. Captain America brings back the person who will do everything he can to help others just for the act of helping itself. The profit he gained was the good feeling of doing the right thing.

Another great thing about this movie was that the woman character was cool, but not overbearing. That is always the thing I cannot stand in every superhero movie. Mary Jane is

probably why I did not like the newest Spiderman movies. I am not saying that love is a bad thing or that it takes away from the story, just that it shouldn't be the entire story. Love serves as a motivation to get the bad guys, hope for a life outside of being the masked helper, or even as a sub-plot. Love should not be the main focal point. Isn't that what love stories are for anyway?

Another thing I really wondered, going into this movie, was if Chris Evans would make a good Captain America. I kept

thinking of his efforts with Fantastic Four as Human Torch. Fantastic Four was far from fantastic and possessed a storyline that was more hackneyed than that of a Rob Schneider movie. I was so relieved when I was proven wrong about Evans.

Captain America is the First Avenger. I would give this movie a thumb up to rent or watch with some friends.



Above and right: Captain America, the best superhero because he has America in his name. (Courtesy of Google Image).



The Rise of American eSports

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Over the past several years, a new form of American competition is gaining popularity. Unlike most competitive sports that require proximity to one's opponent and take place in an arena, this sport takes place in front of a computer or television screen often with miles, even continents, separating the competitors. This is the realm of eSports (i.e. competitive video gaming). Video games have been competitive ever since their inception as players lined up inside the arcades in hopes of seeing their name adorn the top of the high score list. In those days, glory and bragging rights were the fuel that drove the competitions. However, today there is another incentive to hone one's gaming skills, namely money and more money than one might think – like six figure incomes.

On a global level, competitive gaming is not a particularly new phenomenon. After all, Blizzard Entertainment's popular real-time strategy games StarCraft and its expansion pack Brood War dominated the pro-gaming scene in South Korea for over ten years. These titles were

only recently dethroned in 2010 by the highly anticipated release of StarCraft II: Wings of Liberty. For those unfamiliar with the Korean eSports scene, I offer the following analogy: eSports is to South Korea as the National Football League is the United States. Yes, you read that right. In South Korea, entire arenas are sold out within minutes of tickets going on sale to witness two people or two teams compete on stage. The players or teams perform in sound proof booths while their computer or television screens are duplicated on immense television displays so that the crowd, which often consists of over 100,000 people, anxiously watch and cheer for their favorite player.

While eSports has not achieved the same amount of success in America, eSports is growing at the fastest rate since its humble beginnings back in 2002. Major League Gaming (MLG) was founded in 2002 and has served as the forefront organization for North American competitive gaming. Each year, MLG offers four weekend long tournaments across the country with events taking place in Columbus (OH), Anaheim (CA),

Raleigh (NC), Orlando (FL), and Providence (RI). These events are well-attended with around 1,000 participants and close to 3,000 spectators at the venue and another several thousand watching via internet. At each event, tournaments are constantly in progress for close to 12 hours

a day spanning games such as StarCraft II, Halo: Reach, and Call of Duty.

As mentioned earlier, there is substantial money to be made in eSports if one is talented enough. A top American StarCraft II player, Greg "IldrA" Fields, is a member of the pro-gaming team

Evil Geniuses. Evil Geniuses is sponsored by a number of notable corporations, including Intel and Monster Energy. These and Evil Geniuses' many other sponsors supply a house in Arizona where the team lives and practices for hours each day. Taking into account the money earned from sponsors, advertisements, streaming games over the internet, and tournament winnings, a player of IldrA's skill can earn upwards of 100,000 dollars a year. Moreover, since the internet allows players to compete in many tournaments at once, he or she can greatly increase their tournament winnings. As one might expect, StarCraft II garners the most eSports attention. This attention is beginning to stretch beyond the gaming environment and into the general public's nightlife. A new phenomenon is springing up in cities across the nation called BarCraft. That is right, a number of bars/restaurants are hosting nights in which StarCraft II dominates the televisions as patrons eat, drink, and watch professional gamers do battle. These and related events are well attended and are indicative of the growth of American eSports.



Have you ever been so addicted to something that it hurts? Well, StarCraft II has a huge online community where people love to waste away their free-time. Image courtesy of Google Images.

Pumas Get Home Victory Against Kentucky Wesleyan

By Ken Badylak
Sports Information Director

Tate Borlik (Fr., South Bend, Ind./Washington) threw for 320 yards in his first career start on Saturday afternoon as the Saint Joseph's College football team defeated Kentucky Wesleyan College 31-21. The SJC offense totaled over 417 yards as the defense limited KWC's time of possession at Alumni Stadium.

The Panthers' (0-8, 0-3 GLFC) forced a fumble on the Pumas (2-6, 1-1 GLFC) opening series and three plays later Chris Owen found Shawn Mooney for a nine-yard touchdown reception. SJC turned the following possession over on

downs, but after a Sam Gonzales (Sr., Valparaiso, Ind./Portage)sack followed by two incompletions, KWC was forced to punt. After a short punt giving the Pumas a short field, Borlik threw a 32-yard touchdown strike to Scott Chapman (RSr., Brook, Ind./South Newton) on the first play from scrimmage that tied the game with over five minutes left in the quarter. SJC got the ball back before the first period could expire. Facing a fourth and one, Borlik found Tyler Callaghan (Fr., Elburn, Ill./Kaneland) for a 37-yard touchdown that gave the Pumas a 13-7 lead. Of the 10 possession in the second quarter, neither team could find the endzone as the

Pumas went into the locker-room maintaining their 13-7 edge. The Panthers took a 14-13 lead with 9:30 left in the third after Owen connected with Mooney again, this time for a 26-yard touchdown catch. With the Pumas driving on the ensuing possession, Borlik found EJ Woody (Fr., Springville, Ala./Springville) inside the Panthers five yard line, but as Woody was fighting for extra yards, the ball was striped and the Panthers took over. The SJC defense answered the call, forcing KWC to punt from its own endzone. As the snap flew ove This past Saturday, October 22, the men's Puma basketball team prepared for their season with a scrimmage against the Bethel College Pilots, a NAIA team from Mishawaka, Indiana. The Pumas are coming off of a 2010-2011 season where they went 11-16, going 7-11 in conference play. Last season the team was plagued with injuries, losing in the first round of the conference tournament to Drury University. The scrimmage consisted of two half-court sessions, in which each team played 20 straight minutes of offense and 20 straight minutes of defense. After the two 20 minute sessions were over they played an exhibition game, which

was played just like a regular game with the exception of media timeouts. The Pumas won the exhibition game 98-96, with a last second shot by junior Dayvon Sloan. Sloan said of the upcoming season "If we buy into the team we can have a successful season." Senior Jade Anthrop is also excited and hopeful about the upcoming season. "We have nine seniors on the team who look to finish their careers on a positive note. With the team that we have I believe that we have a great opportunity to do very well in the conference and go into the post season this year. The Pumas are coached by Rich Davis, assisted by Matt Bush and Jeff Schoenle. They kick off their official season at home on November 16th against Hillsdale College. r Jacob Jackson's head an into the band section the Pumas re-took the lead 15-14 with less than six minutes left in the third quarter.

SJC marched 40-yards following the safety as Borlik and Callaghan connected for their second touchdown of the game. The Pumas then recovered the following kick-off on the KWC 40-yard line and began driving down field again. Mark Olenek (Fr., Algonquin, Ill./St. Edwards Central Catholic) gave SJC a 25-14 lead after a 22-yard field goal in the early moments of the fourth



Tate Borlik throws for a deep pass down field. Photo courtesy of Tim McFarland C.P.P.S.

SJC Basketball Scrimmage Starts Off Season Right

By Katie Guernsey
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Pumas Beat the Heat at Gibson Family Invitational

By J.J. Miller
Staff Writer

On a sunny October day, when temperatures in Terre Haute reached 80 degrees and above, the SJC Pumas Cross Country team took the course once again. Once again, freshmen Logan Barrett and Andie Strang led the Pumas to another solid finish in their last meet before the GLVC Championship meet.

Barrett led the men's team with a time of 26:57, earning him 8th place in the field. Junior Rocco Mazzanti finished 24th with a time of 27:35, and sophomore Richard Kaht finished within two seconds of him to take 26th for the Pumas. Also placing for the Pumas were sophomores Jake Carden (50th), Matt Philips (58th), Mike Fauser (69th), and freshmen John Gutterman (76th). The men had a solid finish of 5th overall as a team in the 14 team field.

Strang battled her way to a 16th place finish for the women's team with a time of 24:53. Upperclassmen veterans Kirstin Hart and Hillary Young came across the line with times of 25:57 and 26:08, good for 36th and 39th in the field of 132 runners. Also placing for the Pumas were Morgan Kleinaman (42nd), Frehiwet Negassi (45th),

Kelli Lippold (50th), and Katie DeBoy (55th).

With the crazy weather that we've been having the last few weeks, one might wonder what impact it's had on a team that logs around seventy miles a week outdoors. "We've been fortunate on timing," said Coach Massoels. Fortunate is a good word, as having a hard, twelve mile workout on a cold, dreary, drizzly day seems pretty bleak to me any way you slice it. Luckily for the cross teams, their hard days have seen the dry, cool days, and they've been getting their recovery runs in on the not as decent days.

No matter what the weather holds, the Pumas look strong heading into the GLVC



Jacob Carden and Mike Fauser pull ahead for the Pumas. (Courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland C.P.P.S.)

Upcoming Home Games

10.28.11
Volleyball vs Bellarmine University
7:00 PM

10.29.11
Football vs William Jewell College (Mo.)
12:00 PM

10.29.11
Volleyball vs Northern Kentucky University
3:00 PM

Championship meet, where they'll battle rivals Bellarmine, University of Southern Indiana, and the rest of the GLVC for the conference title on October 22nd.

Top NFL Teams Having Disappointing Season

By **Jeremy Butterfield**
Sports Editor

This NFL season was shaky from the start after all the chaos with the lockout over the summer. Fortunately, only one preseason game ended up being missed and the season continued as usual. Some teams took the almost no season to heart with 3 teams currently winless and another 3 with only 1 win.

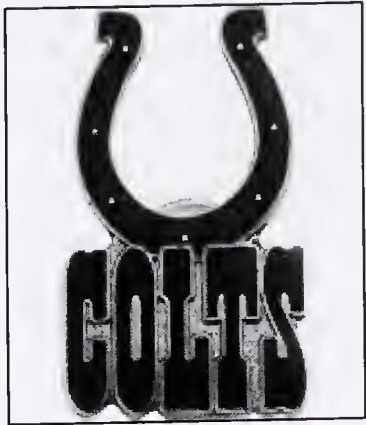
While many fans expect their team to go to the Super Bowl, every year one team expects it because of their quarterback; the Indianapolis Colts. They were expected to make another playoff appearance, but instead, Peyton Manning had to get surgery on his neck so he cannot play this season. For most teams, that just means they are going to lose a couple more games than normal, but the Colts are taking it to the extreme by going 0-7.

When Peyton Manning was going to be out for the season, many expected the defense to step up. However, with the offense on the field for so little time, there is only so much the defense can do.

Manning was the offense; he was making calls and telling the offense what to do right up to the snap of the ball. Not having Manning on the field has had a big impact on the team, especially since he has not missed a game in his career up until now.

But no matter how bad a team is, they can always say at least they can get a good pick in the draft. The real question on every

Colts fans mind is, "Is Peyton Manning going to come back next year?" Until then, no one will really know what the future will look like.



Two other teams are also winless with a 0-6 record. The St. Louis Rams and the Miami Dolphins have disappointed fans with a dismal season so far. Neither team was predicted to be this bad.

Last year the St. Louis Rams almost made the playoffs, missing by just one game. They improved their running game for their young quarterback Sam Bradford. Now their problem is their passing offense is 23rd in the league and their running is 26th. Their offense was one of the best a year ago, but is now not helping them this season. Their closest game so far was 17-10, meaning the defense was doing well, but the offense just couldn't score.

The Miami Dolphins need to find out what is wrong with the team this season. They have

switched quarterbacks to try to fix the problem, but they seem to always manage to lose anyway. Their defense let the Denver Broncos score 15 points in the 4th quarter and a field goal in overtime to win the game on Sunday, October 23. The problem is not just one issue with the team.

The St. Louis Rams do not need a quarterback during the draft but the Miami Dolphins might decide to take one depending on where each team is in the draft.

One of the saddest teams in the NFL this year is the Philadelphia Eagles. During the offseason, they spent the most money to get players that can all be playmakers, but it has failed to come to anything. Vince Young, the backup quarterback, said that they are a dream team this season.

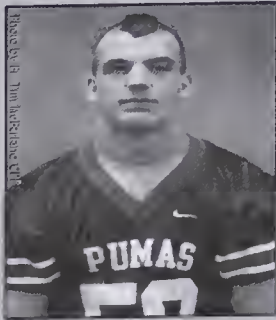
They were expected to be a top scoring team this year, but they have a 2-4 record as of right now. The Eagles can barely get anything going on offense and the defense is average at best. They are currently last in their division, but with the talent and considering the teams they have faced, they should be 6-0.

The season is about half over and all of these teams need to change the way they are going, otherwise a lot of people are going to lose their jobs at the end of the season.

Puma Athlete Profile: By: **Jeremy Butterfield** *Sports Editor*

Cody Sprayberry

Cody Sprayberry is a Biology/ Forensic Science Major. He is a Sophomore. Cody's brother Chad is also on the football team and plays as Number 51.



Hometown: Oak Forest, Ill

How long have you been playing football? Since 4th Grade

How did you get involved with Football? I wanted to do it and my dad really supported me

What position do you play? Middle Linebacker

What is your number?: 50

What is your favorite food?: Mexican

What music do you like to listen to?: Anything but screamo. I really like Nirvana.

What movie can you watch over and over again?: Braveheart

What was the first job you ever had?: Barback

Did you like it?: Yeah, it was pretty good for a first job.

What is one thing that people don't know about you?: I had epilepsy.

What is your favorite sports team?: Alabama Crimson Tide. Roll Tide!

Football Joins New Conference

By **Tom Daeger, GLVC Associate Commissioner**

The conference schedule of contests for the inaugural Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) football season in 2012 has been approved by the membership. The first league games for the nine-team football conference will be Sept. 15, 2012. The two-year conference cycle features an eight-game league schedule for GLVC members.

The GLVC finalized a timeline for adding football as a sponsored championship sport with 2012 targeted as the first year a football champion would be crowned. In accordance with the timeline, the 2012 and 2013 conference football schedules have been established.

With the recent membership additions to the GLVC, there will be nine football institutions in the conference beginning with the 2012-13 academic year. The GLVC football members include Kentucky Wesleyan College, McKendree University, Missouri S&T, Quincy University, Saint Joseph's College, University of Indianapolis, William Jewell College and associate members Central State University and Urbana University.

Kentucky Wesleyan, Mis-

souri S&T, Saint Joseph's and Urbana will compete in the Great Lakes Football Conference (GLFC) in 2011. Quincy and McKendree will wrap their final season in the Mid-States Football Association (MSFA) and UIIndy will compete in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) for the final time this fall.

The 2012 GLVC football schedule will be a round-robin format with each team facing an eight-game conference slate. Conference contests will be played over the course of nine weeks with the first two weeks of the season open for teams to schedule non-conference opponents. Each team will also receive an additional open date throughout the nine-week conference schedule.



Soccer Season Comes to a Close as Seniors Say Farewell

By **Daniel Zimmer**
Sports Editor

Puma soccer commemorated its seniors in both the Men's and Women's program before a conference match up with Missouri S&T.

After four years of hard work, both on the field and in the classroom, seniors Erica Schenk, Erica Kelly, Stephanie Weithrop, and Melissa Barrett from the women's program and Alex Adkins, Rudy Baldetti, Michael Korman, and Daniel Zimmer from the men's program have come close to the end of their collegiate career. They all played in their last home game with many memories to share. All the graduating class from both the soccer programs had much to say.

"I'll miss the games and playing, but most of all I'll miss being on the field the girls," says Melissa Barrett, "What a great trip it's been."

Stephanie Weithrop, captain for the women Pumas this year, said, "I was just glad to be part of the program and was able to

put in the hard work. Hopefully this will all payoff and sets the foundation for the program for years to come."

Senior Day was a bittersweet day for both groups of seniors as they both ended up short. The Men's program found themselves down a goal after a questionable call from the ref. The Men's Puma soccer team fell short losing 1-0. The lady Pumas worked just as hard as the men, also falling 1-0. But, the future looks bright for Puma soccer.

Senior Captain, Rudy Baldetti, says "This group of underclassmen have some great talent and I'm anxious to see the success to come from them in the future. I'm glad I was able to be part of it."

Daniel Zimmer, a four-year starter for the Pumas said, "I'm proud to know I showed some of these younger guys a way of doing things. I guess you could call it the Puma way of doing things with hard work and an attention to details, both on and off the field."

Both the Men's and Women's

Pumas Soccer teams traveled a long road to Kansas City to take on William-Jewell University and Rockhurst University this past weekend. Unfortunately, both teams suffered defeats in both their conference play match ups. The women's Pumas suffered their first defeat of the weekend to William-Jewell 5-0. While the men played for their playoff survival. The Pumas battled hard, but in the closing minuets of the match found themselves on the wrong side of a 1-0 score, crushing their playoff dreams.

The women's next match against Rockhurst University did not fair better for any of the other teams. The women's team suffered another defeat 6-0 to the Hawks. The Men also lost 5-0. Both teams could say the lack of substitutes played a factor with key players injured, and starters lost. The women were without regular starting goalie Mackenzie Culver, with concussion troubles making her unable to travel on the weekend. The men suffered many injuries in the William-Jewell match.

Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for October 27
(219) 866-2222
fountainstonetheaters.com

Footloose (PG-13)
2:30, 4:30, 6:30

Paranormal Activity 3 (R)
3:00, 5:00, 7:00

Real Steel (PG-13)
4:00, 6:20

The Thing (R)
2:50, 4:50, 6:50

The Three Musketeers (PG-13)
2:40, 4:40, 6:40

Coming Soon
Puss In Boots
Jack and Jill
Happy Feet Two

The Ritz Cinema

Movies for October 27
(219) 866-0086
www.ritzcinema.net

All movies begin at 7:00 M-F
Matinees Sat/Sun 2:00

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part II (PG-13)

Dating Dan: Dating Advice

By Daniel Zimmer
Sports Editor



Dear Dan,

I've found myself in a situation I wouldn't have ever imagined. So, I'm now dating someone who I really couldn't have seen myself a few years ago dating. I think I'm starting to realize I'm just seeing this person for the fun of it. What the heck am I doing? Should I continue this through or end it now if I'm just dating for the fun of it?

So you're seeing someone and maybe it's not going to lead to marriage or something. Big deal. If anything, I commend you for being mature enough to

see what your relationship is. Be glad you came to this realization before you shackled up and got into something more serious when you really didn't want to.

Plus, you've scored bonus points because you are still keeping things exclusive, whereas you could be flinging yourself around from person to person. This could be just what you need too. Being tied down in a serious relationship while still in school can add to your stress.

What a great time to casually date and try things you otherwise wouldn't have. Maybe you'll go on some dates, go see some movies, try something to eat you otherwise wouldn't have. Chaining yourself down to something totally permanent is reckless, even though it sounds like a responsible thing to do.

My personal experience has helped me realize that this isn't a bad thing to do. By chaining myself down, I probably didn't get to experience all the things in life I would have wanted to try. This casual dating problem you have could be all in your head. Just make sure you don't lead your significant other into thinking it is something long-term.

Don't let it be just go with it and experience as much as life as you can. Live in the now and just be fortunate enough be sharing those moments with someone. College is the best time to learn what you want from a relationship and just have some fun.

If you have a dating question for Dan or a comment about one of his columns, let us know on The Observer Facebook page or email him at dzq7803@saintjoe.edu.

Overheard

If you've heard anything scandalous at the cafeteria, anything outrageous enough that you can't keep it to yourself, then look no further! Submit your anonymous comments to ehq7585@saintjoe.edu today to let your peers' voices be heard!

"I watch VH1 all the time, that's how I know so much about the past!"

"I punched a monkey in the face once...I remember very clearly the feel of fist on monkey face."

"My armpits are charmpits!"

"It was all about sex, a demonic child, and self-destruction."

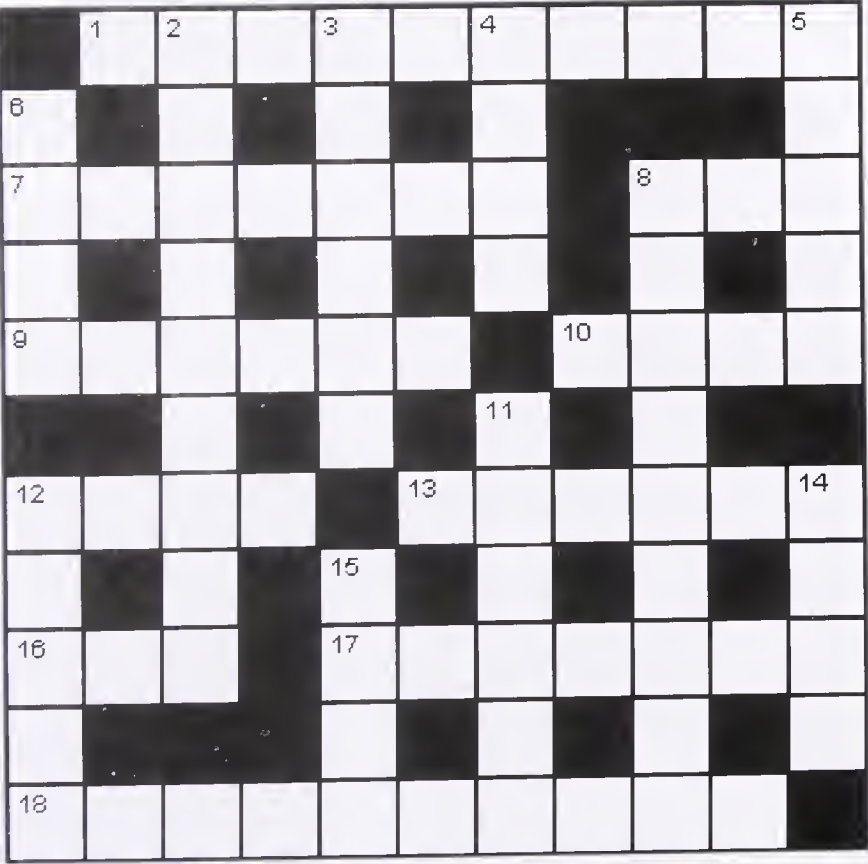
"It was Wednesday! Of course I wasn't wearing pants!"

Reasons to Party

- October 27th 1901-Boxer shorts are introduced
- October 29th 1945-The first American ballpoint pen goes on sale in New York City
- October 31st-Halloween
- November 1st 1953-First issue of Playboy published in Chicago by Hugh Hefner
- November 2 1920-First radio program airs in Pittsburgh
- November 4th 1957- Laika becomes the first dog launched into space
- November 5th 1984-World record set for belly dancing at 106 hours
- November 6th-Saxophone Day
- November 7th-Sadie Hawkins Day
- November 8th 1975-The tube top is invented
- November 9th 1989-The Berlin Wall is destroyed

WOULD YOU RATHER...

- ...live in Siberia or the Congo?
- ...eat a live chicken or two day old whale blubber?
- ...be a terrorist or a pedophile?
- ...get gored by a bull or have someone break your knees with a hammer?
- ...get into a staring contest with Hannibal Lecter or John Wayne Gacy?
- ...be sucked into a black hole or ejected from a rocket?



Across

- 1. Inverse (10)
- 7. Curt (7)
- 8. Crib (3)
- 9. Sentinel (6)
- 10. Hinge joint (4)
- 12. Remedy (4)
- 13. Cask (6)
- 16. Mythical bird (3)
- 17. Fishing boat (7)
- 18. Duty (10)

Down

- 2. Bizarre (9)
- 3. Disregard (6)
- 4. Wealthy (4)
- 5. Nimble (5)
- 6. Arithmetical operation (4)
- 8. Lowest female singing voice (9)
- 11. Empty (6)
- 12. Freight (5)
- 14. Entice (4)
- 15. Male deer (4)